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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - TEXT - PARAS NBRED TWO AND THREE

SUBJ: LARG NATIONALIZATION OF BP

REF: TRIPOLI 2249

1. WE DISCUSSED LARG NATURLIZATION SEPARATELY WITH OIL AND NORTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENTS FCO.

2. [redacted]

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GOVERNMENT'S ACTION OR OF THEIR MOTIVES. THIS IN ITSELF DEPLORABLE, BUT OUR FIRST TASK MUST BE TO GET CLEAR WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AND TO FIND OUT WHAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMPENSATION ARE PROPOSED." TEXT GODBER STATEMENT AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS NOT YET AVAILABLE. HOWEVER HE REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT NO RPT NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT FLOW OF OIL FROM LIBYA WILL BE AFFECTED AND "EVEN IF IT WERE I AM SURE WE CAN MEET ANY REQUIREMENTS."

4. [redacted] B1

5. LONDON PRESS REPORTS OF NATIONALIZATION POINTED TO LIBYAN BALANCES IN LONDON, AND ADDED THAT LARG HAD REQUESTED THEIR TRANSFER OUT OF LONDON. [redacted] B1

6. OIL DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT LARG HAS PROHIBITED LOADING OF BP NOMINATED TANKERS AND THAT BP DIVERTING TANKERS, REPORTEDLY BUNKER HUNT NOMINATIONS STILL LOADING.

7. LONDON REP FOR BUNKER HUNG TOLD US THAT HE KNEW ONLY WHAT WAS IN PAPERS, BECAUSE LIBYAN MANAGER ENROUTE LONDON AT TIME OF TAKEOVER. LATTER RETURNING LIBYA TODAY AND EXPECTS TO SEE MABRUK TOMORROW. LONDON REP [redacted] B4 WOULD NOT SPECULATE ABOUT BUNKER HUNT REACTION. FYI FCO VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT KIND OF ADVICE IF ANY DEPARTMENT LIKELY TO GIVE BUNKER HUNT. END FYI.

8. LONDON POLICY GROUP HAS NOT YET DISCUSSED TAKEOVER BUT IS EXPECTED TO DO SO.
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